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In re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10, as attached with this preliminary amendment.

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims and to conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended claims is attached, Attachment A, along with a marked-up copy, Attachment B, of the claims indicating the proposed claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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